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C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 3760

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: DECLARATION OF WASHINGTON: GOS UNABLE TO ADHERE

REF: STOCKHOLM 3732

1. KNUT THYBERG, MFA POLITICAL DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR, INFORMED EMBASSY THIS AFTERNOON THAT GOS WOULD BE UNABLE TO SIGN DECLARATION OF WASHINGTON. THE REVIEW OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION BY THE MFA LEGAL DIVISION (REFTEL) INDICATES THAT THERE IS NO PRECEDENT IN SWEDISH HISTORY WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE GOS TO ENDORSE BILATERAL TREATIES BETWEEN OTHER COUNTRIES. THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT IS QUITE UNWILLING TO SET THAT PRECEDENT. ADHERENCE TO THE DECLARATION WOULD REPRESENT A TOTALLY NEW DEPARTURE FROM SWEDISH PRACTICE AND IS SIMPLY NOT POSSIBLE. THYBERG NOTED THAT SWEDEN'S POSITION WITHIN THE GROUP OF COUNTRIES THAT WERE INVITED TO ADHERE TO THE DECLARATION IS QUITE UNIQUE, I.E., A NON-ALIGNED, NEUTRAL COUNTRY. THE GOS FEELS THAT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE GOS TO BE ENDORSING A PUBLIC STATEMENT WHICH ALLUDES DIRECTLY, FOR EXAMPLE, TO A "STRENGTHENING OF RELATIONS AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE". SWEDEN, HE SAID, WAS NOT IN THE SAME POSITION VIS-A-VIS ADHERENCE TO THE DECLARATION AS
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COUNTRIES FORMALLY ALLIED WITH THE US.

2. THYBERG ALSO ALLUDED TO THE FACT THAT GOS HAD NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE TEXTS OF THE TREATIES AND TO THE RELATIVELY BRIEF INTERVAL IN WHICH GOS WAS ASKED TO RESPOND. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID, HE DOUBTED THAT THE GOS RESPONSE WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT HAD THE REQUEST BEEN MADE SEVERAL

WEEKS AGO.

3. POLCOUNS SAID THE GOS POSITION WOULD BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO THE DEPARTMENT. HE HOPED THAT THERE MIGHT YET BE A WAY IN WHICH GOS COULD INDICATE ITS SATISFACTION OVER THE SIGNATURE OF THE TREATIES AND THE PROSPECT OF IMPROVED HEMISPHERIC AND WORLD RELATIONS AS A RESULT THEREOF. THYBERG REPLIED THAT SUCH AN ALTERNATIVE IS TO BE DISCUSSED IMMEDIATELY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SODER UPON HER RETURN TO STOCKHOLM TONIGHT FROM LAGOS. HE SAID THAT THE GOS AT THIS TIME COULD NOT COMMIT ITSELF TO EXPRESSING ANY SWEDISH POSITION WHATEVER UNTIL FOREIGN MINISTER SODER IS BRIEFED.
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